

Appln. No. 09/439,332
Amendment dated April 17, 2003
Reply to Office Action mailed November 21, 2000

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 4 through 11, and 13 through 22 remain in this application.
Claims 2, 3, and 12 have been cancelled.

The Examiner's rejections will be considered in the order of their occurrence in the Office Action.

Paragraph 2 of the Office Action

Claims 1, 4-11, 13, 19, 20 and 22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 (second paragraph) as being indefinite.

The above amendments to the claims are believed to clarify the requirements of the rejected claims, especially the particular points identified in the Office Action.

Withdrawal of the §112 rejection of claims 1, 4-11, 13, 19, 20 and 22 is therefore respectfully requested.

Paragraph 3 of the Office Action:

The applicant understands that now that the claimed invention has been clarified as amended, claims 13, 19, 20 and 22 will be further considered.

Paragraph 4 of the Office Action:

Claims 1 and 4-11 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this office action.

Claims 16 through 22 have been amended to correct the claim numbers only.

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CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

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